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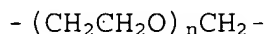
Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claim:

C' --10. (NEW) 4,4'-Bis(1,3,5-triazinylamino)stilbene-2,2'-
disulfonic acid compound of claim 1, wherein at least one of L¹ and
L² is a divalent group which is represented by the formula:



in which n is an integer of 1 to 3, and wherein each of R¹¹ and R¹²
in the formula independently is a hydrogen or methyl.--